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**REMARKS** 

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully

requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 3-7 and 10-18 are amended herein.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3-7 and 10-18 are currently

pending and under consideration.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 3-7 AND 10-18 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND

PARAGRAPH

Claims 3-7 and 10-18 are amended herein to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second

paragraph rejection.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 10-14 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 10-14 are amended herein to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject

matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of

allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge

the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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